IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Applicants	:	C. Harry Knowles, Shawn Defoney, Edward Skypala and Mark C. Schmidt
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Title:		PROGRAMMABLE DATA ELEMENT QUEUING, HANDLING, PROCESSING AND LINKING DEVICE INTEGRATED INTO AN OBJECT IDENTIFICATION AND ATTRIBUTE ACQUISITION SYSTEM
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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312(a)

SIR:

Prior to payment of Issue Fee in the present Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 669-674 as follows:

Claims 1-668 (canceled)

Claim 669 (previously presented): A programmable data element queuing, handling, processing and linking device integrated into an object identification and attribute acquisition system operated in either a singulated or non-singulated object transport environment, said programmable data element queuing, handling, processing and linking device comprising:

a first data element input unit for receiving object identity data from an object identity data producing source embodied within said object identification and attribute acquisition system;

a second data element input unit for receiving corresponding object attribute data from an object attribute data producing source embodied within said object identification and attribute acquisition system; and